

JUNE 14, 2024

GOOD NEWS

EDITION NEWSLETTER



We are thrilled to share that our District's dedicated GEAR UP Coordinator, Nicole Edwards, was recently honored with a flag by Oregon Senator Jeff Merkley at a Columbia County town hall meeting. Nicole has been a driving force in empowering St. Helens School District students, and her efforts have been pivotal in fostering a college-going culture within our schools.

GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) is dedicated to ensuring students are prepared for and succeed in postsecondary education, whether it's through a bachelor's degree, associate's degree, certificate, apprenticeship, or other training beyond high school.

Congratulations, Nicole, and thank you for your exceptional work!

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District Mission:

Strengthening Our Community
Through Exceptional Schools

District Vision:

St. Helens School District inspires
all students to learn, connect,
and commit to a thriving future.

LEARN
CONNECT
COMMIT

RENOVATION & REMODELING



CAPLES HOUSE



McBride

St. Helens School District

**CORE VALUE AWARD
RECIPIENT FOR BELONGING**

**NOYDENA
DOUGLASS**



As a school district, we honor deserving employees with Core Value Awards, recognizing their exceptional contributions. This year, we are proud to present the Belonging Core Value Award to an individual who has shown unparalleled dedication to fostering a welcoming and inclusive environment for all students and parents at our school.

This recipient goes above and beyond to ensure everyone feels valued, respected and included. They consistently demonstrate acts of kindness, empathy, and mentorship, creating a strong sense of belonging within our school community.

Understanding the importance of parental involvement and student comfort with the virtual curriculum, this individual takes the initiative to schedule individual meetings with parents and students, patiently guiding them through accessing and navigating the online learning platform. Their efforts help parents and students feel more comfortable and engaged with the virtual learning process.

Recognizing that learning goes beyond textbooks, they create fun and innovative engagement activities that spark students' interest and build connections.

Their commitment to belonging extends beyond the classroom walls. Acknowledging that some students might lack access to printers, they take the time to print out work packets for them. When transportation is a barrier for parents, they make home visits to support them in picking up schoolwork and important documents. These efforts ensure that every student has the resources they need to succeed and feel included.

Their dedication to creating a welcoming and inclusive environment is truly commendable. Their efforts ensure that all students and parents feel like valued members of our school community.

We are delighted to announce that this year's Belonging Core Value Award goes to Noydena Douglass. Congratulations, Noydena, and thank you for your unwavering commitment to fostering belonging within our school community.

St. Helens School District

**CORE VALUE AWARD
RECIPIENT FOR ACHIEVEMENT**

**LORI
JAEGER**



As a school district, we honor deserving employees with Core Value Awards, recognizing their exceptional contributions. This year, we are proud to present the Achievement Core Value Award to an individual who has shown remarkable growth, dedication, and leadership.

This recipient has served as an assistant for the past few years and, mid-year was asked to step into a lead position for the remainder of the year. Despite initial doubts and a lack of confidence in their ability to lead, they not only met but exceeded all expectations.

This individual is cherished by students, parents, and colleagues alike. Their commitment extends beyond their classroom, positively impacting the entire school. They take the time to greet teachers in the hallway, bring donuts after a rough week, and offer comforting hugs on difficult days.

The recipient has not only achieved the goals set for them but also surpassed their own expectations. Their accomplishments this year are a testament to their hard work, resilience, and unwavering dedication.

We are proud to announce that this year's Achievement Core Value Award goes to Lori Jaeger. Congratulations, Lori, on your outstanding achievements and for making a significant difference in our school community.

St. Helens School District

**CORE VALUE AWARD
RECIPIENT FOR COMMUNITY**

**KAREE
STEINHAUSER**



The Community Core Value Award celebrates individuals who exemplify dedication, service, and a commitment to fostering a positive and supportive environment within our school community. This year, we are proud to honor an individual who has made outstanding contributions in cultivating meaningful partnerships, effective communication, and sincere compassion.

This recipient has demonstrated exceptional adaptability and dedication in their role at SHMS, particularly in response to the increase in student programs. Their financial guidance and operational oversight have been instrumental in ensuring these programs run smoothly and are equipped with the necessary resources. Through long hours of meticulous work, they have helped maintain the financial stability of our school.

Beyond financial responsibilities, this individual manages all clerical duties for the school with remarkable efficiency. Their commitment to outstanding customer service is evident in interactions with staff, students, parents, and visitors. They consistently go above and beyond to create a warm and welcoming atmosphere, fostering a sense of community and support.

Their ability to excel in a demanding role, managing high expectations from various sources, highlights exceptional skill and dedication. Efforts in building strong relationships, communicating effectively, and showing sincere compassion contribute significantly to the positive culture of our school community.

We are delighted to announce that this year's Community Core Value Award goes to Karee Steinhauser. Congratulations, Karee, and thank you for your unwavering commitment and outstanding service to our school community. Your work exemplifies the core values we hold dear, making you a truly deserving recipient of the Community Core Value Award.



SCHOOL
IS OUT
FOR THE SUMMER



[CLICK HERE](#)
[to register!](#)

Kinder Camp: August 6-9 2024

St. Helens School District

KINDER CAMP IS A 4 DAY PROGRAM RUNNING FROM 8:00 AM-1:00 PM, AUGUST 6-9, FOR CHILDREN ENTERING KINDERGARTEN IN THE FALL, GIVING THEM A JUMP-START ON FEELING READY FOR SCHOOL. YOUR CHILD WILL GET FAMILIAR WITH THE ROUTINES AND ACTIVITIES OF KINDERGARTEN WHICH WILL BOOST THEIR CONFIDENCE AND COMFORT WITH THIS IMPORTANT TRANSITION INTO SCHOOL.



**AGES 18 &
UNDER EAT
FREE**

SHSD SUMMER MEALS PROGRAM

JUNE 24, 2024 - AUGUST 9, 2024

ACTIVITIES

- Games
- Arts & Crafts
- Book Exchange
- Food & Friends

LOCATION:

Lewis & Clark Elementary
111 South 9th Street
St. Helens, OR 97051

ADULT COST:

Breakfast \$2.00
Lunch \$3.00

TIMES:

Breakfast - 7:30 am - 9:30 am
Lunch - 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
Served Monday - Friday

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**No Meal
Service:**

**July 4
&
July 5**